

GPHL QUARTERLY

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HIV Clinic Data April - June 2018

Patient Re-attendances: **777**
 New Patients Enrolled on Anti
 Retroviral Therapy (ART): **22**
 Mother/Baby Pair Re-
 attendance: **91**
 New Mother/Baby Pairs
 Enrolled: **03**

Viral Loads Done: **63**
 Baseline CD4 Done: **22**
 Patients who received Social
 Support: **149**
 Major Challenges:
 Stock out of ARVs and gloves



GPHL is a Maryland based US 501(3)(c) non profit supporting various HIV social support services in Manafwa District.

Pictured Above: Alex Khaukha, Social Services Coordinator of Precious Souls Ministry and Counselor at Bugobero HIV Clinic.



Innovation in HIV Services

As clients wait patiently on the veranda of the HIV Clinic at Bugobero Health Center IV, a buzz of activity happens inside as the HIV Clinic team prepares for another day. Every Monday and Friday, clients come from near and far to access the unique services offered through this government run program supported by GPHL and supervised by Dr. Emma Gahima. Each clinic day, client files are sorted using a cohort system, vitals are taken, each client is reviewed by a clinician, and all information is entered into an Electronic Medical Records system. Clinicians ensure correct treatment is being administered and each client is directed how to properly take their medication. Additional tests may be ordered including Viral Load and CD4, and any social issues are addressed by trained HIV counselors. Clients requiring nutritional services are referred to the Nutrition Clinic also held at Bugobero HCIV. Community follow ups are done when necessary in cases of default or non adherence. The HIV Clinic staff includes a doctor, clinical officers, nurses, social workers, an IT tech, laboratory techs, and linkage facilitators. The service this team provides is very unique due to the high number of clients, comprehensive services offered, and the availability and commitment of the staff members. Many of the clients are receiving support from Precious Souls Ministry Program (funded



The Finishing Touches

The extensive renovations at Bugobero Health Center IV have come to completion, marking the beginning of a new and exciting journey for the formerly ailing hospital in Manafwa District. Funded and supervised by GPHL, the renovations have created a clean, organized, and refreshing environment for staff, patients, and visitors. As the finishing touches were put on the remaining projects, a renewed confidence and sense of pride in the facility began to emerge. In addition to the visible changes, the renovations also motivated other respected community members to contribute to the changing face of Bugobero. Member of Parliament, Rose Mutonyi donated towards the effort to get the facility ambulance in working order. Janepher Wanjusi, Chairperson of the Hospital Unit Management Committee donated privacy curtains for the delivery room. Remarkably, news of the improvements at Bugobero HCIV reached Dr. Mumia, originally from Bugobero and currently residing in California, encouraging him to also get involved and contribute to saving lives through GPHL!

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by Bay Area Community Church). Three Precious Souls Ministry volunteers provide services in the HIV clinic, two days a week. Working hand in hand with the HIV Clinic team, Precious Souls Ministry offers clients life changing assistance including household items, goats, and home renovations.

HIV patients enrolled in the clinic come from a variety of age groups, as the disease affects babies, teens, adults and the elderly. In an effort to offer additional support to two very vulnerable age groups, the Precious Souls Ministry kicked off two new support groups. **The Angel Club** is for children age 12 and below who are living with HIV since birth, having acquired the infection through mother to child transmission. They are provided with extra support including protein rich food stuffs, bedding, clothing, and psychosocial counseling to understand their life long illness and promote hygiene. **The Wakanda Club** is a unique support group catering to the sensitive needs of teenage HIV patients. It is comprised of teens age 13 -19. The program provides psychosocial and material support and encourages members not to feel stigmatized or depressed by what is a lifelong disease that they had no control in avoiding. As youth living with HIV mature sexually, they will be counseled regarding prevention of transmission while living a healthy and productive life, also meeting their own reproductive goals safely. The vision of the Precious Souls Ministry is that there will be no new infections among children or adolescents so that there can be a generation free of new HIV infections in Manafwa District. In addition to the two Clubs, GPHL is working with Bugobero Health Center IV to design a more child and youth friendly HIV

clinic that is separate from the adult HIV clinic.

Left: Newly diagnosed patients receiving social and spiritual counseling from HIV Clinic Staff.

